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DISGRACED REPORTER EDDIE BROCK STUMBLED UPON AN AGGRESSIVE ALIEN ORGANISM CALLED A SYMBIOTE DURING ONE OF THE LOWEST POINTS OF HIS LIFE. THE TWO WERE JOINED AND USED THEIR COMBINED LUST FOR VIOLENCE TO MAKE THEIR CITY SAFER AS THE LETHAL PROTECTOR...

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## VENOM BEYOND FINALE

MAC GARGAN, THE SUPER VILLAIN KNOWN AS THE **SCORPION** AND A FORMER HOST TO THE VENOM SYMBIOTE, RECENTLY ACQUIRED A SUIT OF POWERED ARMOR AND ASSUMED THE NAME **VIRUS**, TARGETING EDDIE BROCK, THE SYMBIOTE'S CURRENT HOST, AND HIS SON, **DYLAN**.

BUT GARGAN'S EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTIONED AS HE LAUNCHED HIS FIRST ASSAULT ON VENOM AND HIS PROGENY, AND THE THREE OF THEM WERE SENT CAREENING INTO THE MULTIVERSE - ONLY TO MATERIALIZE IN A WORLD WHERE EDDIE BROCK IS DEAD, HIS EX-WIFE, **ANNE WEYING**, IS VENOM, AND DYLAN HAS GROWN UP INTO **CODEX**, A MERCILESS DICTATOR WHO HAS COVERED THE WORLD AND ITS PEOPLE IN SYMBIOTES!

AFTER BEING STRIPPED OF HIS ARMOR AND FORCIBLY BONDED TO ONE OF THOSE VERY SYMBIOTES, GARGAN TURNED INTO A MONSTROUS NEW INCARNATION OF THE SCORPION AND AGAIN ATTACKED THE BROCKS, WHO STRIPPED HIM OF HIS PARASITIC OTHER AND MADE HIM A DEAL:

THEY'LL LET HIM LIVE...AS LONG AS HE BRINGS THEM TO CODEX.

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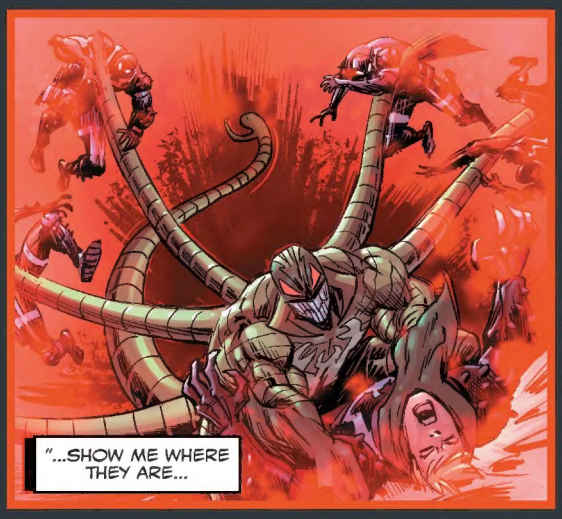
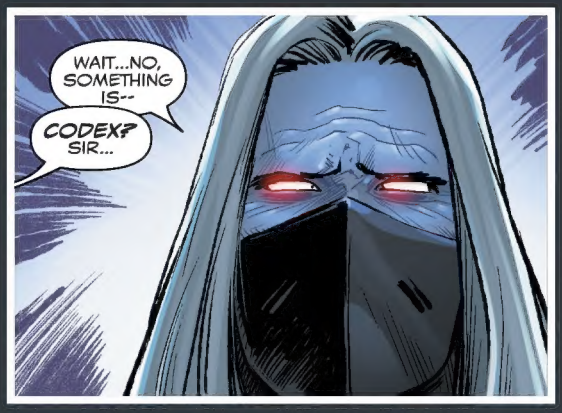
NOW.
I CAN FEEL YOU OUT THERE, GARGAN.
SLITHERING AROUND.... UNDERNEATH US...
NOW...
...GIVE ME YOUR EYES...


"...SHOW ME WHERE THEY ARE...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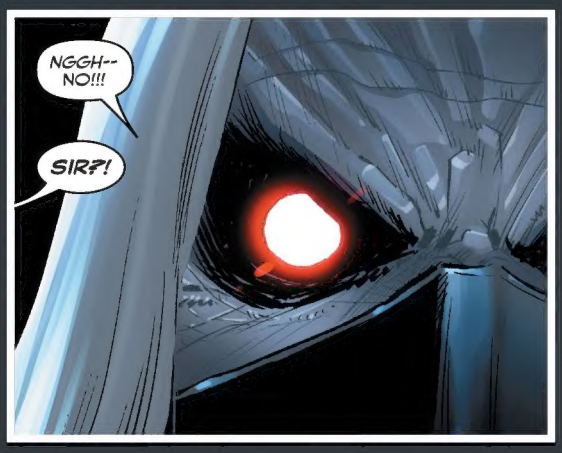
CODEX? SIR...

AAGHH!!!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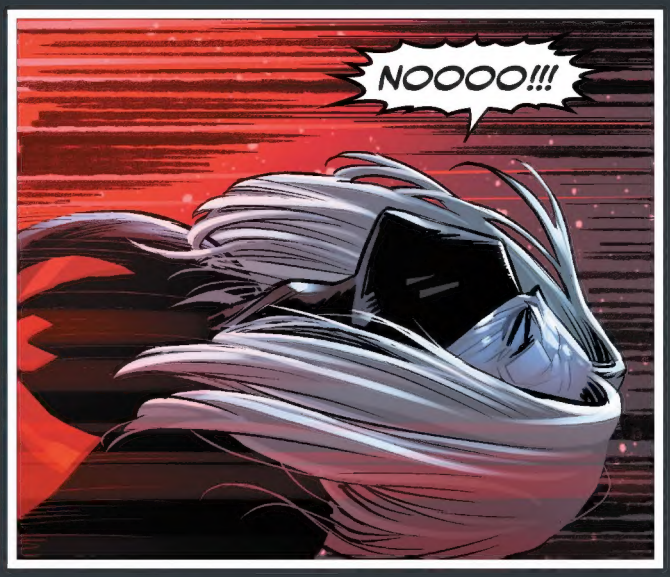
SIR?!

BOOM


NOOOO!!!

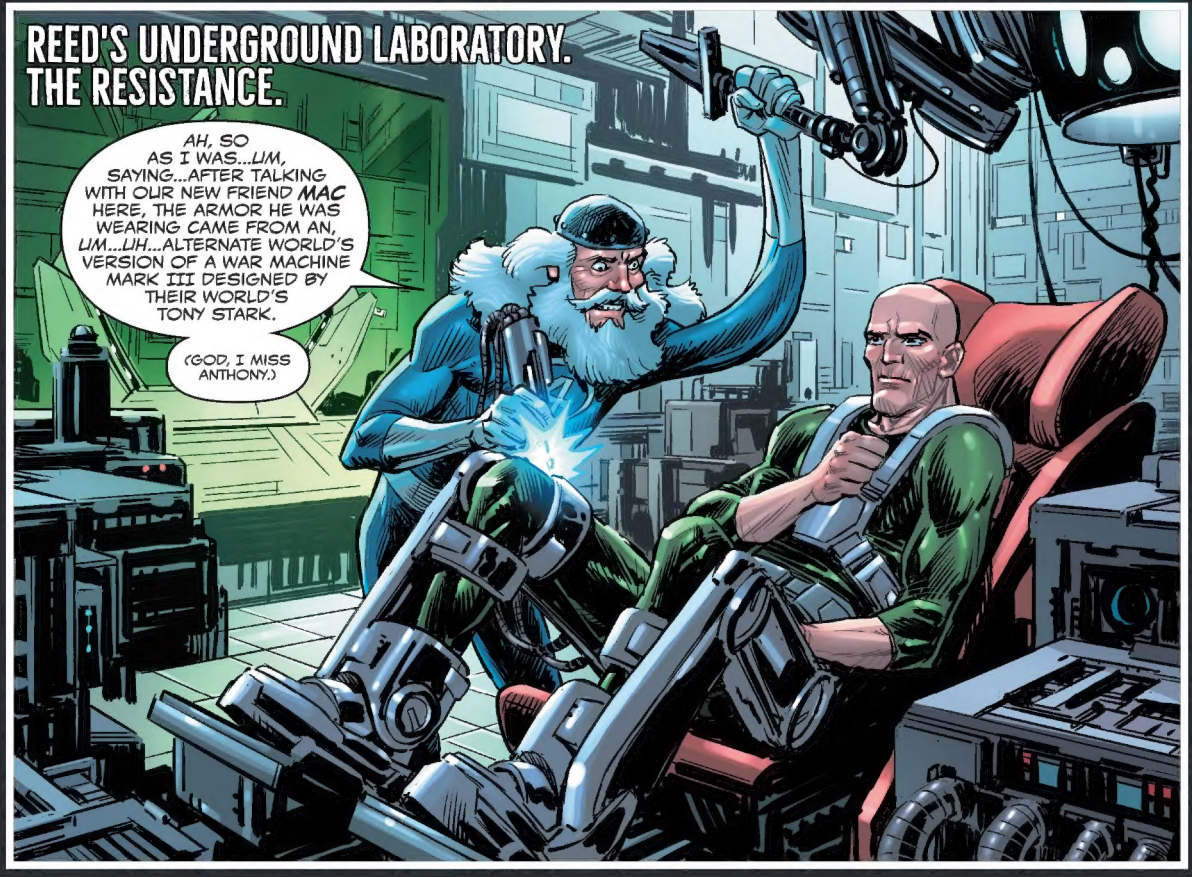
THEY... THEY SEVERED MY CONNECTION... THAT SHOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE...
KILLED MY SYMBIOTE WITH A THOUGHT...
NO...

HE'S... LIKE ME...
UM...UM, SIR?

WHAT DO YOU WANT, OTTO?
UM, SIR. IF IT'S NOT TOO MUCH TROUBLE...
"TROUBLE"? DO YOU...

WHAT?! WHAT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT YOU HAVE TO SHOW ME, OTTO?! WHAT COULD BE SO IMPORTANT THAT YOU NEED TO INTERRUPT ME?!
SIR... UM...

...I BELIEVE I'VE DISCOVERED INTERDIMENSIONAL TRAVEL.
WHAT...AM I LOOKING AT?
THE OTHER MAN...THE SCORPION. HE SAID HE WAS FROM ANOTHER WORLD, SO I INVESTIGATED HIS OLD SUIT'S DESIGN.
AND IN IT, I FOUND SOMETHING VERY USEFUL INDEED.
WHATEVER THIS ARMOR IS, IT COMES STANDARD WITH AUTOMATED ENVIRONMENT SCANNING TECHNOLOGY. AND ONCE REBUILT, I WAS ABLE TO ASCERTAIN HOW THEY ARRIVED IN OUR WORLD...
IT APPEARS THEY BUILT SOME SORT OF...GATE.
AND NOW... I HAVE ITS SCHEMATICS.
OTTO...
ARE YOU TELLING ME...THAT YOU CAN BUILD ME ONE OF THOSE?
A... DOOR TO OTHER WORLDS...
YES, YES, I BELIEVE I CAN, SIR.
HOW LONG? WHEN CAN YOU HAVE IT READY?
WITH THESE SPECIFICATIONS AND A FEW MORE SYMBIO-ENGINEERS TO HELP, WHY...A WEEK OR TWO, TOPS!
GOOD.
BEGIN AT ONCE.

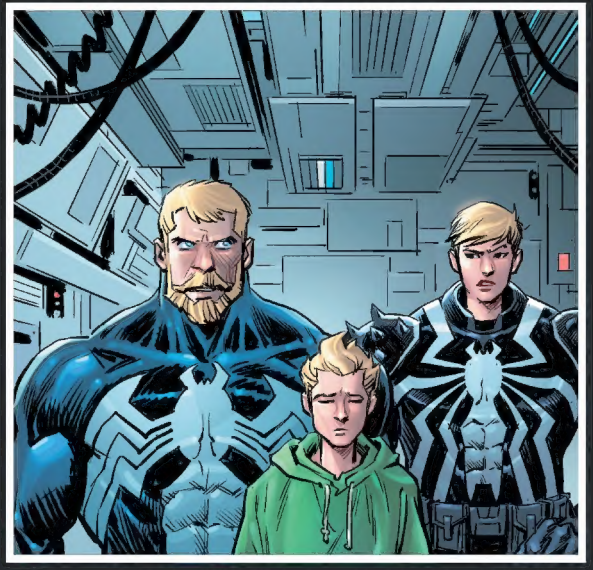

REED'S UNDERGROUND LABORATORY.
THE RESISTANCE.
AH, SO AS I WAS...UM, SAYING...AFTER TALKING WITH OUR NEW FRIEND MAC HERE, THE ARMOR HE WAS WEARING CAME FROM AN, UM...UH...ALTERNATE WORLD'S VERSION OF A WAR MACHINE MARK III DESIGNED BY THEIR WORLD'S TONY STARK.
(GOD, I MISS ANTHONY.)

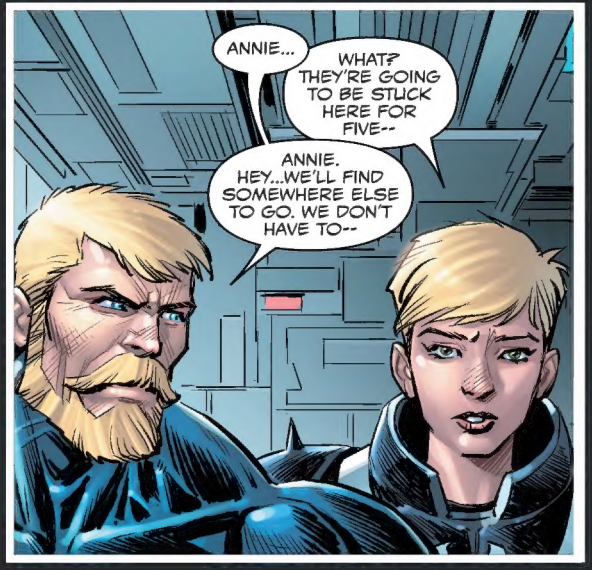
ANYWAY, THIS IS IT! THE GOOD NEWS! YOU SEE, THAT ARMOR COMES STANDARD WITH AUTOMATED ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY SCANNING EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF ENGAGING MULTIPLE TARGETS AT ONCE.
SO IF I CAN GET MY...MY... WHAT ARE THEY... YES--HANDS ON THAT TRACKING UNIT, THEN, WELL...

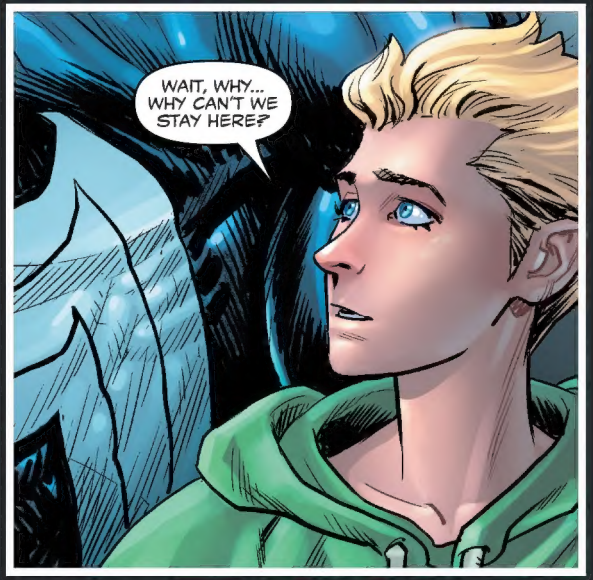
YOU'RE SAYING YOU CAN BUILD ONE OF THOSE...GATE THINGS THAT EDDIE USED TO GET HERE?
OH, YES. I'M QUITE SURE.
OKAY, ASSUMING WE CAN EVEN GET THIS THING...HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE YOU TO BUILD THIS GATE?

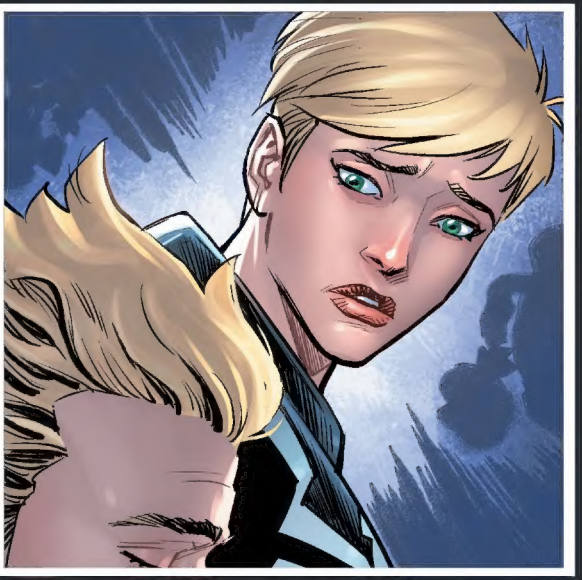
WELL...WITH THE LIMITED RESOURCES ON HAND...
I CAN CONFIDENTLY SAY FOUR...MAYBE FIVE YEARS.

TOPS!



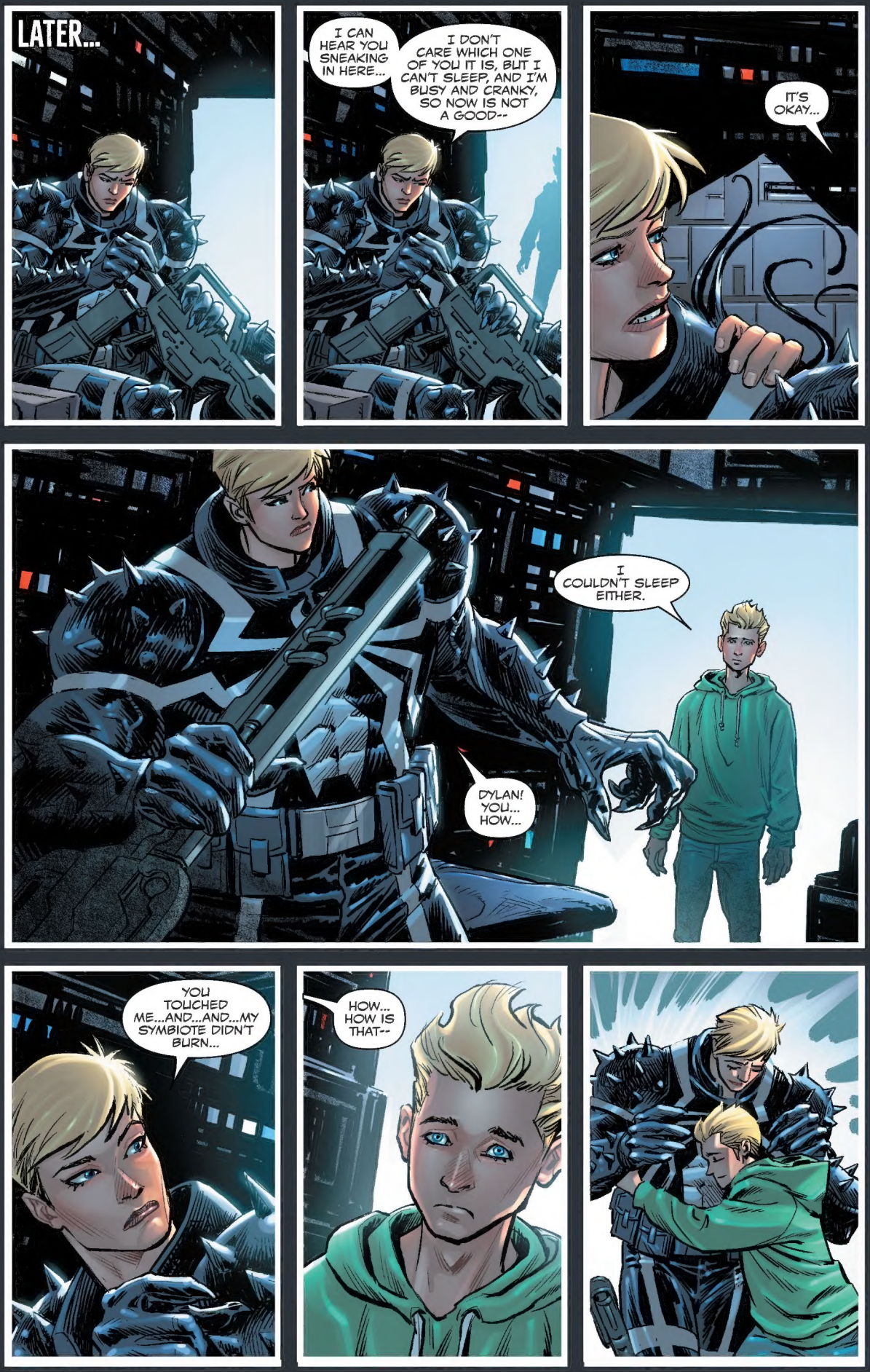

ANNIE...
WHAT? THEY'RE GOING TO BE STUCK HERE FOR FIVE--
ANNIE. HEY...WE'LL FIND SOMEWHERE ELSE TO GO. WE DON'T HAVE TO--

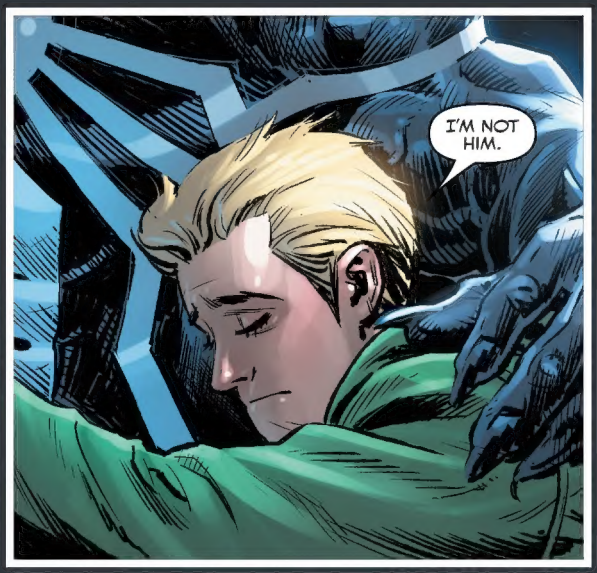

WAIT, WHY... WHY CAN'T WE STAY HERE?

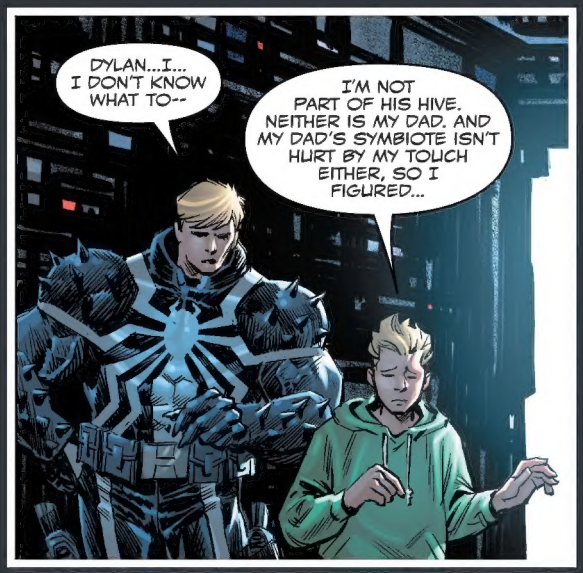


OKAY, EVERYONE. MEETING ADJOURNED.
NONE OF US HAVE SLEPT IN DAYS. LET'S REGROUP IN THE MORNING. WE'LL NEED A PLAN TO GET THAT EQUIPMENT...
REMEMBER, THAT BASE OF HIS IS CRAWLING WITH AVENGERS STILL...WE'LL NEED A MIRACLE TO GET THROUGH THEM.

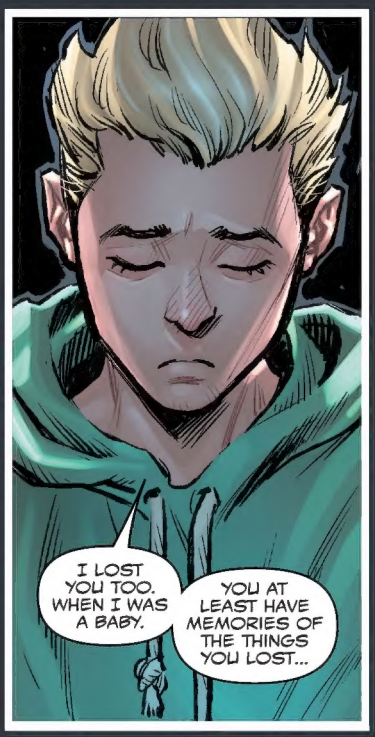
....AND THEN ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS TAKE DOWN MY SON.


LATER...
I CAN HEAR YOU SNEAKING IN HERE...
I DON'T CARE WHICH ONE OF YOU IT IS, BUT I CAN'T SLEEP, AND I'M BUSY AND CRANKY, SO NOW IS NOT A GOOD--
IT'S OKAY...
I COULDN'T SLEEP EITHER.
DYLAN! YOU... HOW...
YOU TOUCHED ME...AND...AND...MY SYMBIOTE DIDN'T BURN...
HOW... HOW IS THAT--

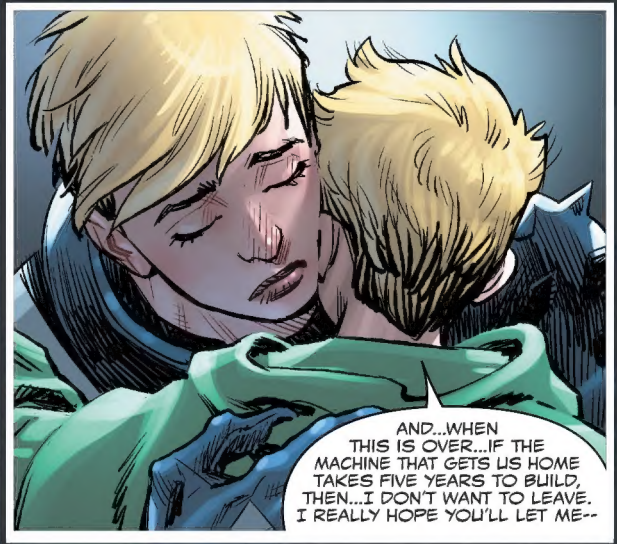

I'M NOT HIM.

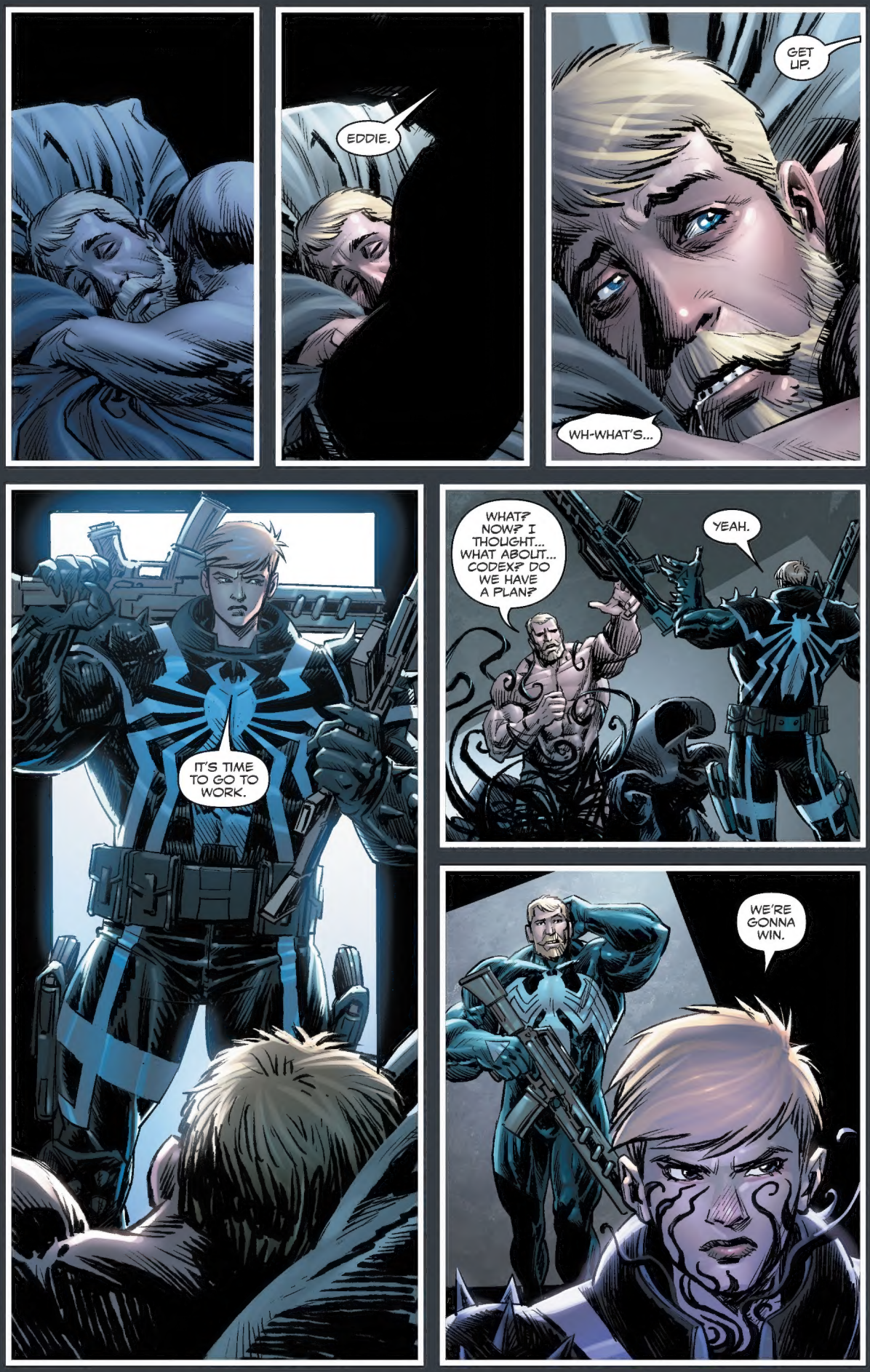

DYLAN...I... I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO--
I'M NOT PART OF HIS HIVE. NEITHER IS MY DAD. AND MY DAD'S SYMBIOTE ISN'T HURT BY MY TOUCH EITHER, SO I FIGURED...

I FIGURED IT WOULD BE THE SAME FOR MY...WELL, FOR YOU TOO. THAT... MAYBE IT...IT COULD HELP SOMEHOW OR...
THAT'S... THAT'S INCREDIBLE. REALLY. BUT--
I KNOW IT'S WEIRD FOR YOU TO BE AROUND ME AFTER YOU LOST YOUR DYLAN. TO SEE ME, TO HAVE ME HERE...BUT...YOU KNOW...


I LOST YOU TOO. WHEN I WAS A BABY.
YOU AT LEAST HAVE MEMORIES OF THE THINGS YOU LOST...

I...I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING OF YOU.


AND...WHEN THIS IS OVER...IF THE MACHINE THAT GETS US HOME TAKES FIVE YEARS TO BUILD, THEN...I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE. I REALLY HOPE YOU'LL LET ME--


EDDIE.
GET UP.
WH-WHAT'S...
IT'S TIME TO GO TO WORK.
WHAT? NOW? I THOUGHT... WHAT ABOUT... CODEX? DO WE HAVE A PLAN?
YEAH.
WE'RE GONNA WIN.

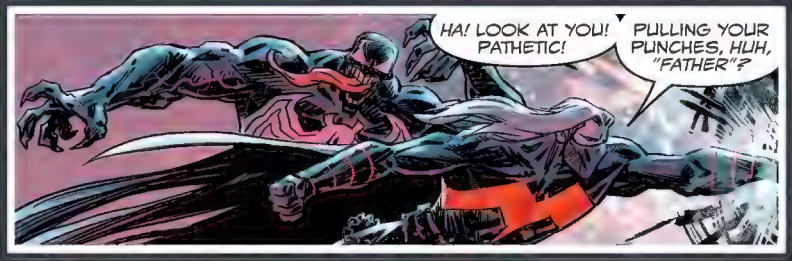
OCTAVIUS... WHAT...WHAT IS ALL OF THIS?
OH, YES! INSIDE OF MAC GARGAN'S VIRUS ARMOR, THERE WAS A CONSIDERABLE--ONE COULD ALMOST SAY OBSESSIVE-- AMOUNT OF RESEARCH ON HIS TARGET...THE ONE HE CALLED VENOM.
THEIR WORLD'S VERSION OF...WELL...
MY FATHER.
HE'S HERE. IN OUR WORLD...BUT NOT OF MY HIVE... I CANNOT...
I CANNOT FIND HIM.
THIS OTHER WORLD THOUGH... IT SEEMS THEY HAVE A CLOSER CONNECTION TO THE...
...TO THE VOICE THAT CALLS TO ME. SPEAKS TO ME TO SAVE IT...
IT'S ALMOST AS IF...IN THEIR WORLD...THIS...VOICE... THIS GREAT BLACK GOD IS...
BWAAAM-BWAAM
...COMING.
SECURITY BREACH! SECURITY BREACH!
ENEMIES INBOUND, SIR. LOOKS TO BE ONE CRAFT. UNMANNED... NO LIFE-FORMS ABOARD. WHY WOULD THEY...
AH. I SEE.
BRACE FOR IMPACT, OTTO.
THE SHIP IS NOT UNMANNED... IN FACT...

"...I BELIEVE DADDY'S HOME."
DOOM

ALL RIGHT, MAGGOTS! AGENT BROCK OPENED CODEX'S FRONT DOOR FOR US! WHY DON'T WE SHOW OURSELVES IN AND MAKE OURSELVES AT HOME?
WILSON, PARKER, KASADY, ON ME!
BENTON, GUARD REED! REED, DON'T WANDER OFF AND DON'T DIE!
GARGAN, FIND THAT ARMOR AND DON'T BE A @#$%!
GO! GO! GO!!!

YOU--YOU WILL BOW TO--
WAIT--NO! YOUR SYMBIOTE, IT WON'T--
WON'T OBEY? YEAH, WE AIN'T FROM AROUND HERE. YOU CAN'T CONTROL US, KID!

IT'S YOU, ISN'T IT?!
EDDIE BROCK!!! I'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT YOU...


HA! LOOK AT YOU! PATHETIC!
PULLING YOUR PUNCHES, HUH, "FATHER"?

YOU CAN'T HELP BUT SEE YOUR LITTLE BOY...

...WHEN WHAT YOU FACE IS A GOD!

"AND ALL WHO ARE FAITHFUL TO HIM!"

AVENGERS!

ASSEMBLE!!!

AGH! KEEP PUSHING! KEEP DIGGING, DAMMIT!!!

WAIT!

WHO HAS EYES ON GARGAN?!

AGH!!!

KRAK

COME ON AND FIGHT ME, OLD MAN!

STOP BEING SO WEAK!

COME ON, EDDIE!

NOW!!!

N-NO... WHAT ARE YOU--

YOU'RE RIGHT...

I CAN'T FIGHT YOU. I WON'T...

YOU REMIND ME TOO MUCH OF MY BOY. OF HOW I'VE FAILED HIM.

YOU...THIS WORLD...IT'S EVERYTHING I'VE TRIED TO PROTECT HIM FROM. YOU'RE EVERY NIGHTMARE I'VE EVER HAD ABOUT MY SON...

SO NO, DYLAN. I WON'T FIGHT YOU...

...BUT MY SYMBIOTE WILL.

NO! YOU CAN'T!

THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE! I CAN'T BOND WITH--

HELLO, DYLAN. PLEASE... WE DO NOT WANT TO HURT YOU.

N-NOOO!!!

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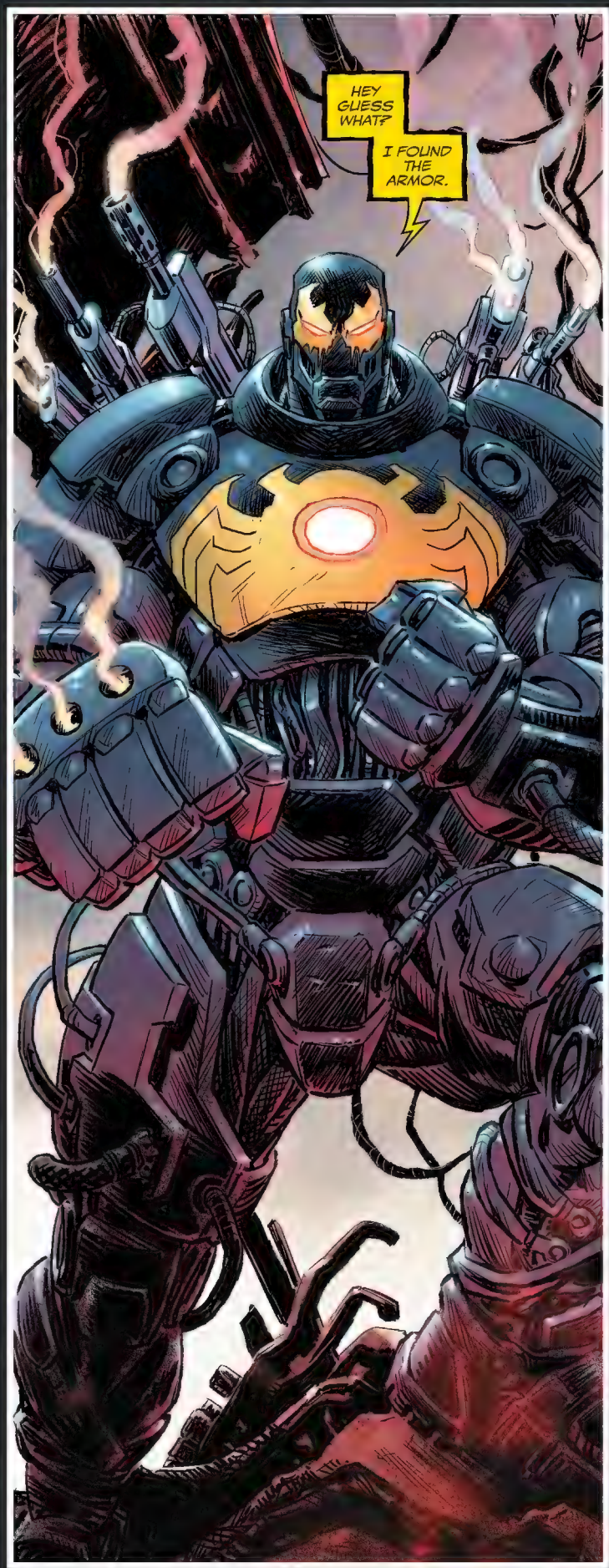
WE WAN'T TO SHOW YOU A WORLD WH-- AGHHH!!!!

AGH!



YOU WERE ALWAYS GOING TO PUT ME IN PRISON ON OUR WORLD, BROCK! YOU THINK I WOULD TRUST YOU?!
DAMMIT, GARGAN! FINE! YOU WANT A FIGHT, YOU--

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...TONY STARK WAS A FRIEND OF MINE.
COME HERE, DYLAN. IT'S OKAY...
EDDIE... IT'S TIME...
I AM SORRY. I MUST CONTROL YOU FOR A MOMENT.
PLEASE BE CALM. I DO NOT WISH TO HURT YOU.
N-NO! PLEASE! STOP... STOP IT!!!
IT'S OKAY.... WE'RE NOT GOING TO HURT YOU...
M-MOM? WHAT ARE YOU...
WHO IS THIS? WHAT IS--
HEY...
IT'S OKAY...
WE JUST WANT...
"...TO GIVE YOU SOMETHING."
AGHHHH!!!

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"...WE WANT TO GIVE YOU A LIFE."
"A SHARED LIFE. MY MEMORIES AND YOUR MOTHER'S...
"...TOGETHER.
"A LIFE THAT NONE OF US HAS EVER KNOWN.
"YOU SEE, SON? THIS...
"..THIS IS IT.
"THIS IS HOW WE WIN.
"HOW WE BEAT THE DARKNESS THAT WE HAVE GIVEN YOU...
"TOGETHER.
"WE BEAT IT TOGETHER.
"BECAUSE... WE'RE STRONGER...
...WHEN WE AREN'T ALONE.
AGH!
DYLAN!
I GOT HIM! DID...DID IT WORK?
YEAH...

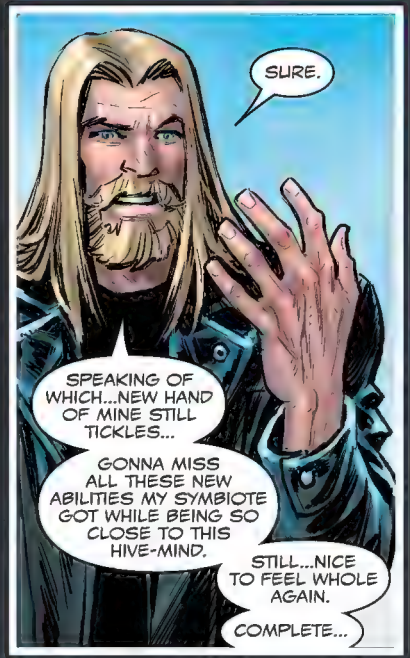
"I THINK SO...
"I THINK WE GOT HIM."
I THINK WE GOT HIM BACK.
...M-MOM...?
...YOU...WERE SUPPOSED TO BRING... HOME... DINNER...
DYLAN? BABY?! WAKE UP! NO, I'M HERE! I'M--
I'VE GOT IT! AHA!!! WE'VE DONE IT! WE CAN RETURN YOU ALL...
"...HOME."
I'M HERE NOW.

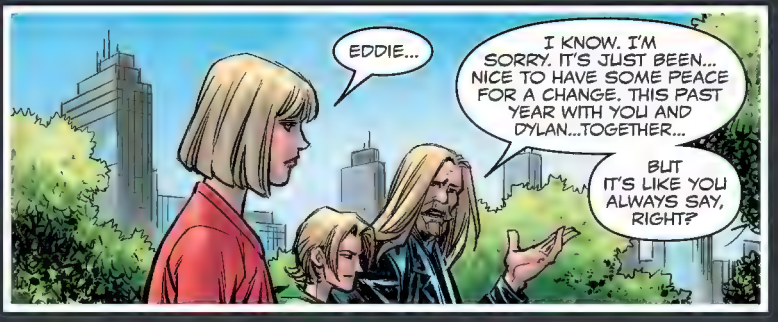
ONE YEAR LATER...

--PROGRESS ON ANYTHING? THE DOCTORS HAVE ANY NEW--
NO CHANGE. THEY SAID THE DAMAGE DONE TO HIM COULD TAKE YEARS FOR HIM TO RECOVER FROM. THAT THING...THAT... KNULL THING YOU TOLD US ALL ABOUT...
IT HAD ITS CLAWS IN HIM DEEP.

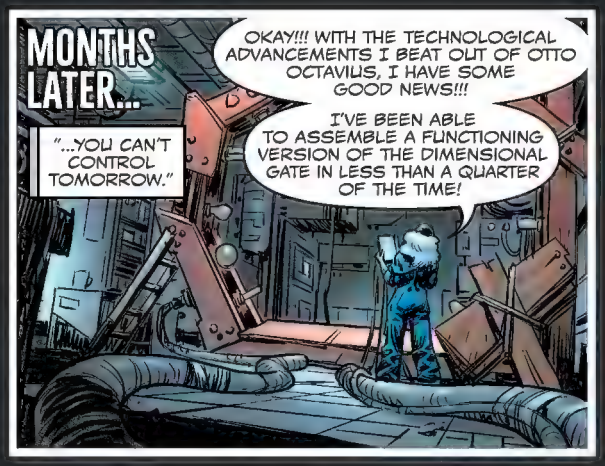
BUT HE'S ALIVE. THAT'S ALL I CARE ABOUT. COMA OR NOT...
...MY BOY IS HOME.

AND THE WORLD...KEEPS SPINNING.
AND GARGAN'S BEHIND BARS. WHICH, I MEAN, YEAH...HE WAS RIGHT ABOUT. I WAS ALWAYS GOING TO TURN HIM IN. HE JUST GOT THE DIMENSION WRONG...
WE'LL HANDLE HIM. WHO KNOWS, MAYBE HE'LL SEE THE LIGHT AND HELP US ON THE ROAD TO SOMETHING RESEMBLING NORMAL...


SURE.
SPEAKING OF WHICH...NEW HAND OF MINE STILL TICKLES...
GONNA MISS ALL THESE NEW ABILITIES MY SYMBIOTE GOT WHILE BEING SO CLOSE TO THIS HIVE-MIND.
STILL...NICE TO FEEL WHOLE AGAIN.
COMPLETE...


EDDIE...
I KNOW. I'M SORRY. IT'S JUST BEEN... NICE TO HAVE SOME PEACE FOR A CHANGE. THIS PAST YEAR WITH YOU AND DYLAN...TOGETHER...
BUT IT'S LIKE YOU ALWAYS SAY, RIGHT?

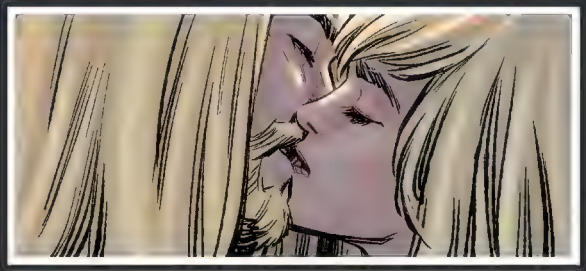
JUST LIVE IN THE MOMENT...


MONTHS LATER...
"...YOU CAN'T CONTROL TOMORROW."
OKAY!!! WITH THE TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS I BEAT OUT OF OTTO OCTAVIUS, I HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS!!!
I'VE BEEN ABLE TO ASSEMBLE A FUNCTIONING VERSION OF THE DIMENSIONAL GATE IN LESS THAN A QUARTER OF THE TIME!

NOW, THE MACHINE IS QUITE SOUND. BUT I AM ETHICALLY BOUND TO TELL YOU THAT I AM LEGALLY INSANE, SO HONESTLY, WHO KNOWS! HAHA.
ANYWAY, PLEASE STEP FORWARD...

...IT'S TIME YOU WERE ON YOUR WAY!

ANNIE... PLEASE... ONE MORE TIME, JUST THINK--
I CAN'T GO, EDDIE. MY DYLAN HASN'T AWOKEN YET, AND WHEN HE DOES, I WILL BE RIGHT THERE BESIDE HIM.
BESIDES, FROM WHAT YOU TOLD ME ABOUT HOW YOU LEFT YOUR WORLD... YOU HAVE YOUR OWN MESSES TO CLEAN UP.
BUT, ANNIE--
HEY, WHEN SCORPION ATTACKED ME, YOU SCREAMED AT HIM TO "GET THE HELL AWAY FROM MY WIFE." YOU REMEMBER THAT?
I--I'M SORRY...IT WAS JUST...



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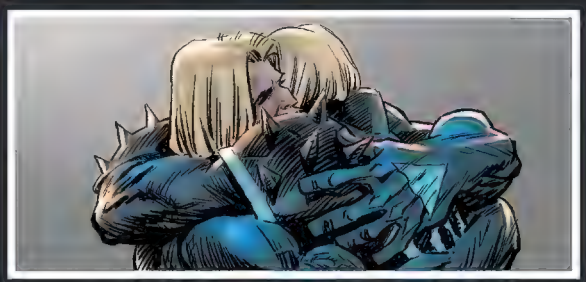

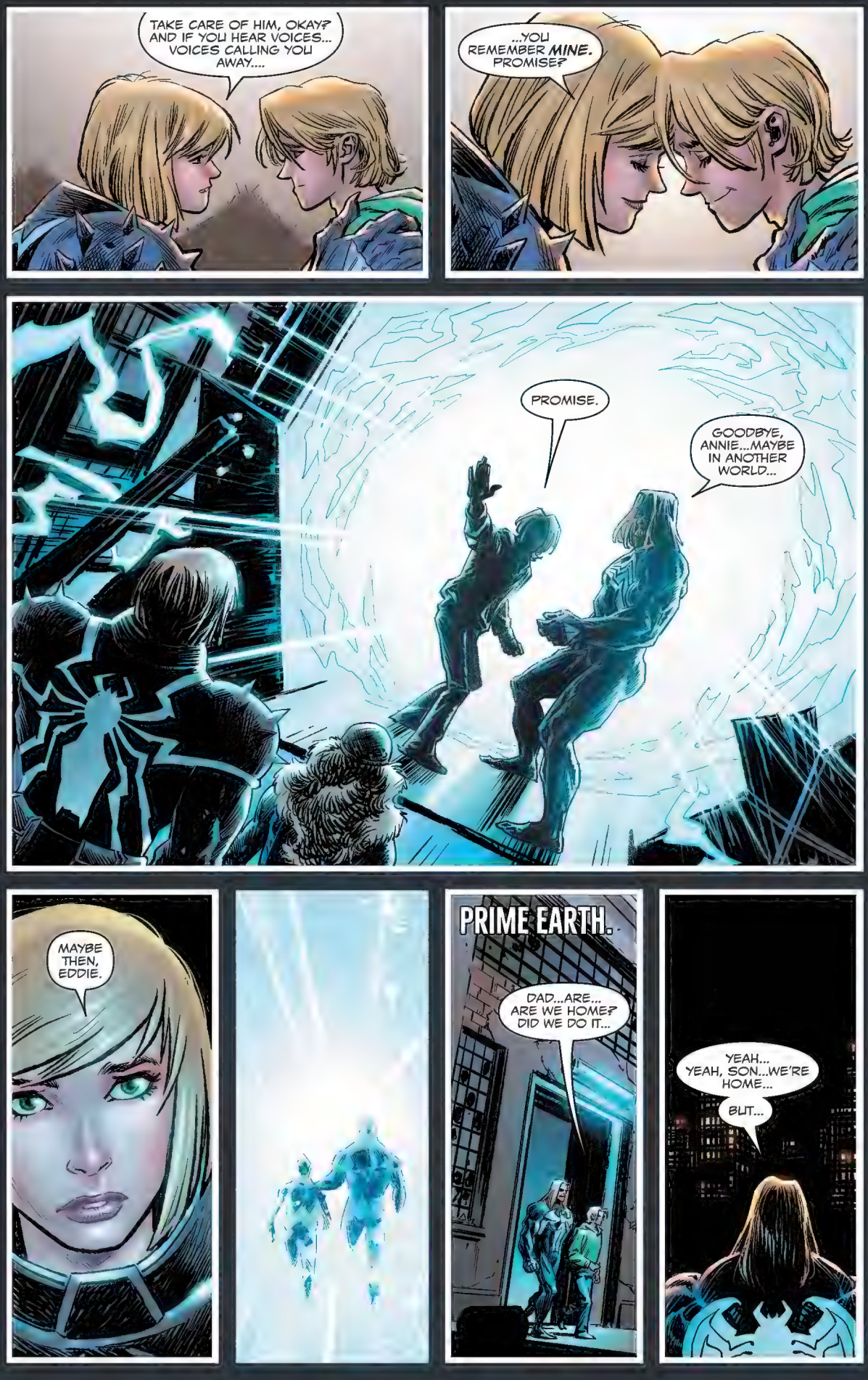
TAKE CARE OF HIM, OKAY? AND IF YOU HEAR VOICES... VOICES CALLING YOU AWAY....
...YOU REMEMBER MINE. PROMISE?
PROMISE.
GOODBYE, ANNIE...MAYBE IN ANOTHER WORLD...
MAYBE THEN, EDDIE.
PRIME EARTH.
DAD...ARE... ARE WE HOME? DID WE DO IT...
YEAH... YEAH, SON...WE'RE HOME...
BUT...

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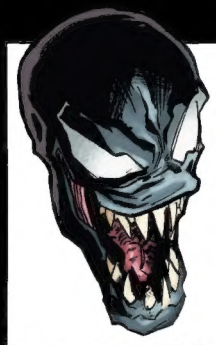

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**HERE.**
**WE.**
**GO!**

**Hello, in here, out there, around the world and aboard all the ships at sea. VENOM editor Devin Lewis, reporting to you live and in print from VENOM central!**

**While it goes without saying that we find ourselves in unique and often stressful times, one thing that 2020 HASN'T been able to bring down is our shared love of comics — not just among C.B., Nick, Danny, me and all our collaborators, but out in the Mighty Marveldom as well! You loyal readers and Marvel Universe devotees have shown up in droves to support your favorite comics and, in so doing, have also supported your comic book shops!**

**That helps more than you know. The local comic shops across the country — nay, THE WORLD — make what we do possible. We always say that the best part of this job is hearing from you readers when you're enjoying our books, and as true as that is of fan mail, it's even truer of when we hear from shops that Marvel comics are selling like Aunt May's wheat cakes. And as long as you're buying 'em safely, there's no higher praise.**

**(Though, now that I mention it, if you want to share some more literal, direct praise, drop us a line at SPIDEYOFFICE@MARVEL.COM! Mark your letter "OKAY TO PRINT" and it may just show up in a future installment of this very column!)**

**But! Now's not the time to get comfortable (I mean, it IS — you should be comfortable while you're reading), so keep at it! Keep visiting your shops, keep updating your pull list, keep pre-ordering the upcoming releases that excite you the most and, while you're at it, keep telling them that you want the best — and the best is VENOM!**

**AND RARELY IS THAT TRUER THAN WITH THE COMIC YOU'RE HOLDING IN YOUR HANDS RIGHT NOW!**

**VENOM #30 is the final issue in "Venom Beyond," a monster of an arc that Donny has been concocting since the very beginning of his run!**

**Even then, at the very beginning, we knew we would need a powerhouse illustrator to help bring this story to life — and we were lucky enough to be joined by TWO of the best artists working in comics ~~today~~. Scratch that — EVER!**

**Loyal Venomaniacs already know JUAN GEDEON, who joined us for VENOM #16. He helped set the stage for ABSOLUTE CARNAGE, and we were fortunate enough that he had time in his schedule to join us for "Venom Beyond."**

**Not only was Juan able to join us, but so was LUKE ROSS! Luke's a longtime Spider-Artist, and it was a treat to have him join us to close out "Beyond." If you'll indulge a little personal tidbit from yours truly (and you don't really have a choice, in so far as this letter column is already written and printed), it was particularly special to work with Luke, as he illustrated one of my FAVORITE Spider-Man stories ever: "Goblins at the Gate." It's a three-part arc in SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #259-261, and if you haven't read it already, do yourself a favor and GET ON THAT! It's a classic Spider-Story that involves not one, but BOTH of New York's most notorious goblins…**

**But look, the point of this column isn't for ME to sing this team's praises — it's for you and your feedback! So let's not let me blather on any longer and get to it!**

Howdy, Team Venom,

I'm really enjoying the relationship between Annie, Eddie and Dylan, which immediately makes me feel incredibly nervous that something awful is going to happen to one of them.

But jokes aside — Dylan's maturity towardhis parents is really touching, considering that he hasn't known either of them for a very long time. Annie's version of events is eerily similar to what nearly happened in WEB OF VENOM: THE GOOD SON, which makes me appreciate how lucky Eddie is to have avoided all that. Annie's grief is beautifully portrayed in a few short pages, and despite all the alien craziness going on around the three of them, I love that the story has time to make room for some family time. Props to you guys!

All of this is making me incredibly excited to see what role Eddie and Dylan (and maybe even Annie?) will play in the upcoming KING IN BLACK storyline. You guys never fail to impress me with your ideas. Keep up the good work!

Cheers,
Kevin T.

**Thanks for reading and for writing, Kevin! It's great to hear that you've dug "Venom Beyond" so far! Bringing Annie back into the fold has been one of my favorite parts of the arc too! You're spot-on in your reading of WEB OF VENOM: THE GOOD SON too! When we were building that issue with the uber-talented Zac Thompson and Dio Neves, one of our goals was to lay some groundwork for what would unfold in BEYOND!**

**I wonder what breadcrumbs we've left leading to KING IN BLACK…**

Hey there!

I'm almost 30 years old now. I've been a fan of Venom since I was a child, maybe 6 or 7. I can't say for certain, but basically my whole life. I have always been on the fringe of every crowd — not smart enough for the geeks, not cool enough for the cool kids, definitely not a goody-two-shoes, but also never bad! I guess just a loner that has never quite fit in with any crowd completely but interacted with every type as much as I could while trying to find myself.

As a kid, I hated reading, and I never read the comics. I loved the cartoons, games and movies, and while my friends would play and want to be super heroes, I just wanted to be Venom — partly because he helped me cope with PTSD, and partly to snub them for wanting to be a stuck-up super hero.

Now as an adult though, turns out I love reading, and I finally gave comics a fair shot. This new line from 2018 and on, by Cates and Stegman, has blown my MIND! What these guys are crafting is the best storyline, and I'm buying up everything I can, reading all of WEB OF VENOM and CARNAGE as well to get the full effect of the symbiote story.

Thank you, guys, for taking this favorite

# Eddie's Clubhouse


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character of mine, continuing and totally elevating him to a level I didn't know possible!

Lexi E.
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**I said it before, and I'll say it again, Lexi — these sorts of letters are our favorites to get! Not only that you were able to connect with something in Venom, but that you eventually circled back and gave comics another go. WE ARE SO GLAD YOU DID AND SO GLAD TO HAVE YOU! We hope KING IN BLACK knocks your socks off and does your favorite character justice!**

**If he survives, that is…**

Dear VENOM team,

First and foremost, I have to make a confession: I've loved Venom since I was a little kid (hell, I remember his aesthetic alone helped propel me even further into comics), but I have never been much of a fan of Eddie Brock. I used to believe that Flash Thompson was the only host of the symbiote worth any kind of recognition, other than Peter Parker, of course. However! This series has completely changed my mind on Brock in a sudden and surprising way.

I used to believe the failed journalist was just wasted potential — a grunting slab of a man that no one really seemed to know what to do with. But through reading this current iteration of VENOM, I could not be more wrong! You have all proven to me that Eddie Brock is a character worth treasuring and, above all, is truly the right host for the alien suit we all know and love.

Making Eddie a father, in particular, really caught my attention. I know most comics try to avoid tethering a kid to their heroes, but I am happy to see that this series has no hang-ups about tackling such an issue. It's something I can find absolute relatability with, and I do hope that Dylan will remain a mainstay in Eddie's bizarre but care-filled story.

Point is, thank you for giving me the depth and creativity I always wanted out of Eddie Brock. You've made a lifelong fan out of me for the ol' lughead. Keep up the good work. I'm excited to see what kind of insanity the titular, tongued character will face next. *cough* Knull *cough*

Your symbiotic superfan
Brandon W.

**Thanks for reading, Brandon! But if you ever mention Venom's tongue in my presence again, I will NEVER FORGIVE YOU!**

Hi, VENOM Office,

I am absolutely loving every issue of VENOM from Cates, Stegman, JP Mayer, Frank Martin and the rest of the creative team. This series has so much heart and impact. Plus, every issue has moments that jump off the page! Cates is going full heavy metal, and you can tell he has such love for these characters while he enriches the mythos.

Keep rockin'
David

**Believe me when I say, David, that we have not even yet BEGUN to rock! Wait'll you see what Donny, Ryan, JP, Frank and Clayton Cowles have cooked up in KING IN BLACK.**

Hey, VENOM team,

I just finished VENOM #28, and nothing has ever put a smile on my face more than seeing the team of Deadpool, Peter Parker, Annie Weying, Cletus Kasady and — one of my favorite characters, who I was so happy to see again after SCREAM: CURSE OF CARNAGE —Andi Benton. That page made me squeal, double back, then shout "Oh my god, oh my god, oh my god!" four times in rapid succession. I'm sure my roommate was very concerned, but this VENOM is the book that makes your roommate think you're insane.

"Venom Beyond" is really proving to be one of my favorite symbiote arcs ever, and I can't wait for KING IN BLACK to blow my mind in December. In the meantime, I wish Eddie good vibes protecting little Dylan. (It seems like he's going to need them.)

Forever a Venomaniac,
Rafi
Tucson

**You have no idea how right you are, Rafi! Eddie is going to need all the help he can get if he stands even the smallest chance of stopping Knull and his onslaught of hundreds of thousands of symbiote dragons.**

**That's actually the perfect segue to tell you what to watch out for next, and this is a big one, folks — this time, I'm pointing you to KING IN BLACK #1!**

**Since Donny and Ryan's very first issue, you've seen Knull lead a long march across the cosmos with his symbiotic horde in tow. Next month, he arrives on Earth with malice in his heart and vengeance on his mind.**

**We've delayed the inevitable long enough. From here on out, we're all at Knull's mercy…what little of it there is.**

**Stay safe!**

**Devin**
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